

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 240 without my signature.

This bill fails to address the critical components needed to ensure sex offenders do not have access to state funded erectile dysfunction medication. Instead, I am signing AB 522 which contains the statutory language which ensures the Department of Justice must provide the Department of Health Services the information necessary to implement the prohibition. AB 240 also fails to expand the ban to automated drug delivery systems in pharmacies, thereby creating a loophole that could result in prohibited sex offenders receiving the medication. AB 522 contains language to ensure no loopholes exist.

In addition, AB 240 does not broadly protect California's children to the level that they deserve but instead simply puts a band-aid on a growing problem. I call on the Legislature to quickly send my sponsored bills AB 231 and SB 588 which will do more to protect children than placing limited restrictions on one small segment of the parolee population. We should enact provisions that will allow for residency restrictions for all sex offenders, not just the 254 parolees that this bill potentially affects. My bill would place more stringent restrictions on 9,231 parolees and monitor them on GPS.

If the Legislature is serious about protecting children from sex offenders, I call on them to send me AB 231 and SB 588, the most comprehensive reform of our sex offender statutes.

For these reasons I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger